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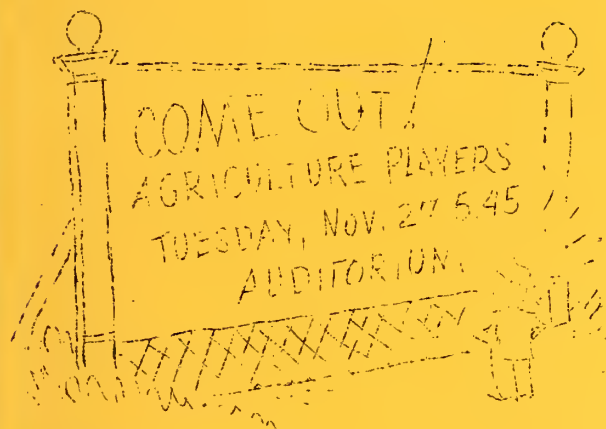
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AGRICULTURE PLAYERS

Come out! Come out! Agriculture Players, our own dramatic group, is reorganizing. We have been extremely fortunate in securing as Director of the Players, Mr. Edward Freed who is officially engaged in writing and directing pictures for Motion Picture Service in the Office of Information.

Mr. Freed has experience in all departments of theater including directing, writing, character acting, make-up and stage craft. He spent a summer acting at each of the following: Keene, N. H. Theatre, Pasadena Playhouse, the Michigan Repertory Theatre at Ann Arbor. He is a winner of a Major Award in playwriting at the University of Michigan.

For several years, Mr. Freed was an instructor of dramatics in high schools and colleges. One year he was assistant to William de Mille at the University of Southern California, where he designed all stage settings for the University productions.

While with the AAF he wrote training films for the First Motion Picture Unit at Culver City. While with the U. S. Office of Education at Hollywood he supervised production of training films.

Our new Director, whom you can see is eminently qualified to direct the Players, says that he is mainly interested in developing the talents of the individuals in the group. Whether you are interested in acting itself or in directing, playwriting, set design, stage craft, costume design, make-up, publicity or business management, COME OUT. Each of you will be needed in the organization to make it successful and the Players will give you an opportunity to express yourself and utilize your talents.

The organization meeting will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, at 5:45 p. m. in the Auditorium. At that time we'll find out what you are interested in and will decide upon a time for future meetings.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

On Wed., Nov. 14, in the Patio, Under Secretary of Agriculture John B. Hutson presented to Mrs. Arthur Vandenburg, member of the Camp and Hospital Service Committee of the Red Cross, a check for \$1380.68 on behalf of employees of the Department. This contribution by USDA employees will purchase Christmas gifts which will be delivered December 24 to veterans in hospitals in this area. There will be 2 movable bowling alleys with plaques on each identifying USDA employees as the donors, 24 radios and a portable piano. Once again USDA folks came thru in their usual generous manner. Arrangements for the collections and the presentation were made by the USDA Red Cross Chapter.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Here it is Thanksgiving already and we've been thinking over the many things for which we are very thankful. We're grateful first of all for Peace and Victory and then for Reub's return and for food, shelter and that we have Freedom and Opportunity to acquire more education and to participate in activities which help one acquire breadth of character and personality. We're going to church together, tomorrow, to offer our thanks giving.

Best regards,

Reuben and Rachel

ATTENTION!

USDA employees are proud of the fine buildings in which they work. They spend forty hours each week in these buildings and they appreciate the pleasant surroundings. They are glad the interiors are being painted and that everything is going to be fresh and clean.

However, there is one thing which hurts the pride of Agriculture employees; it is the deplorably untidy and unsanitary conditions of the rest rooms resulting from carelessness on the part of a few. The cooperation of everyone is urgently requested in keeping the rest rooms clean and in setting a good example for others. The conditions which prevail are unpleasant for employees and are embarrassing when visitors come into the Department. Since employees spend almost as much time in the Department as in their homes they want the Department to be as clean and as sanitary as their homes. The only way to achieve this goal is for every Department member to cooperate and set a good example in being thoughtful, careful and sanitary.

CONCERT

Sunday, December 2, at 4 p. m., Artur Schnabel, "one of our greatest living pianists," will be at Constitution Hall. Tickets may be obtained at 1108 G St., N. W., telephone National 7151.

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

When you hear someone mention the "Thomas Jefferson Memorial Auditorium" they are referring to our own Department of Agriculture Auditorium in the South Building.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Friendship House at 619 D St., S. E., offers recreation in small informal groups, under trained leadership, for your leisure hours. Membership at the House is \$1.00 for a term of four months. The fall term began in October, so now 75¢ will carry you thru February. To reach the House take street car 30, 90 or 54.

On Monday evenings, 7 to 10--SEWING; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 10--CERAMICS; Thursdays, 7 to 10--ART; Tuesdays, 7 to 10--CHORAL GROUP; Tuesdays, 8 to 10--CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUPS: Saturdays, 8:30 to 11--SQUARE DANCING (35¢); Tuesdays, 8:30 to 11:30--SERVICEMEN'S DANCE - Veterans Welcome.

MEN--Monday evenings, 7 to 10--a small gym is available for volleyball, shooting baskets, ping pong, badminton. Boxing gloves available--stop by for a work-out - or relax in the Smoker.

The people at Friendship House are like home folks. Meet the folks and join the FUN.

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BUY VICTORY BONDS!!

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AGRICULTURE BRIDGE NEWS

The Agriculture Bridge Club is holding regular duplicate pair games on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, with a special game on any fifth Wednesday. The games are conducted at the home of Mrs. D. C. Stephan, 1355 Euclid St., N. W. The price is 50¢ per person, and Mrs. Stephan, who directs the games, will be glad to try to arrange partnerships for single players. She can be reached at Columbia 7857. Beginners or those with little duplicate experience are welcome.

W. D. Ellison, SOCS, ext. 5364, is president of the club for the present season and can furnish any information about the games. There is no formal membership in the club and everyone is welcome at the games. The president reports that there were 56 contestants at the special Halloween game. Details of the contest for the McDonnell Cup will be announced in a subsequent issue.

The names of instructors in contract bridge, including duplicate play, can be obtained from the president, listed above, or from ext. 3105.

CHAMBER MUSIC GUILD

On Feb. 12, the Chamber Music Guild will present Lotte Lehmann, leading Metropolitan soprano, in a full-length recital at Constitution Hall. A limited number of tickets at 60¢ is available in room 528.



STATE SOCIETIES

The State Society Dances are in full swing by now and it's time you pressed your best bib and tucker and mingled with the folks from the home state. Dances coming up are:

KENTUCKY - Nov. 23 - Shoreham  
IOWA - Nov. 24 - Shoreham  
L. D. & S. D. - Nov. 23 - Wardman Pk.

(50 pheasants as prizes)

GEORGIA - Dec. 1 - Shoreham  
PENNSYLVANIA - Dec. 4 - Shoreham

Your contact officer has listings of the state society officers from whom season and single tickets may be obtained. Single admission tickets may also be purchased at the door.

LUNCHEON MEETING

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 12 o'clock, Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Head, Div. of Farm Population and Rural Welfare, BAE, will present the speaker at a luncheon meeting on Social Security in the South. The meeting will be held at the YWCA, 17th and K, N. W. The Department of Agriculture is one of seventeen national organizations and agencies interested in the extension of social security in the South to be represented at the speaker's table. People interested in attending may make reservations (\$1.00) by writing or telephoning the Washington Office of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, 335 G Place, N. W.; telephone EXecutive C-7024.

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TRANSPORTATION

Miss Yarbough, 7721 Garrison Rd., W. Lenham Hills, Md., ext. 5454  
Mrs. Host, 16th & Harvard, N. W., ext. 5609  
Miss Silverstein, 14th & Rhode Island, N. E., ext. 5474  
Dr. & Mrs. Zaglits, 3051 Idaho Ave., N. W., ext. 2936  
Mrs. Sunderland, 5410 Kennedy St., Hyattsville, Md., ext. 3481  
Mr. Kilbourne, Wardman Park Hotel, ext. 2109  
Mr. Cooper, 1301 - 15th St., N. W., ext. 4109  
Miss Earp, 14th & Madison, N. W., ext. 2336  
Miss Spillman, Lemon Rd. & Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Va., ext. 5404  
Misses (2) Lemnich, Glebe Rd. & Lee Blvd., Arlington, Va., ext. 2872  
WANTS RIDE OR RIDE  
Mr. Reid, N. Capitol & Decatur Sts., ext. 6073  
WANTS RIDERS  
Mr. Cotting, Falls Church, Va., ext. 5805.

HOUSING

Housing is still at a premium all over the country. There are many Dept. of Agriculture employees, both in Washington and in the field who want to rent houses or apartments so they can have their families with them. You can help fellow employees by reporting available housing facilities. Call ext. 3105.